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TO: Jim Smith, Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
FROM: Thomas N. Tetting, Engineer Geologist   
SUBJECT: Unpermitted Mining Activity, Uintah County Tar Sands Pit.  
DATE: October 25, 1983

On September 16, 1983, Cy Young and I visited the Maeser/Vernal, Uintah County Tar Sands Mine Operation (located on Sohio owned property) as part of the fall U.G.A. - 1983 field trip. The attached slides were taken of the operation which document the surface mining activity. Approximately 30 acres appear to be disturbed in conjunction with the stripping of the overburden, stockpile of ore and storage facilities.

I suggest that the Division actively pursue an investigation into this activity and secure a mining and reclamation plan as well as a surety arrangement for the operation.

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Tom T,

I talked w/ Bob Dudrak of Sohio (328-3700) and he informed me that this is indeed Sohio's property. However, county is using this for road surfacing material and has since 1960's. 120 tons will be removed for their (Sohio) testing project at Asphalt Ridge (DOE/047/?) submitted 10-24-83. They plan to submit MR-1 end of this year for 8-84.

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